

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No. 09/903,481

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 10 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 6, 7 and 10 are allowed, and that claims 3 and 4 contain patentable subject matter.

In an effort to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicant amends claim 1 to include the patentable subject matter of claim 4 and cancels claims 4, 8 and 9. Also, claim 3 has been rewritten into independent form so as to place this claim into condition for allowance.

The drawings filed July 12, 2001 are objected; Applicant amends the drawings to include the designation of --Prior Art-- in Figs. 1 and 2.

These changes involve no new matter and are believed to obviate the Examiner's objections.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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